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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: DROUGHT IN HAITI: PROPOSED FY 1977 TITLE I  
INCREASE

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 01129

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON FOOD  
SUPPLY OUTLOOK CONTAINED REFTEL. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH  
REQUEST FOR TITLE I CORN AND RICE ON AN URGENT BASIS AND  
EXPECT TO SUBMIT IT TO THE INTERAGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE AT  
ITS NEXT MEETING APRIL 7. WILL KEEP POST INFORMED.

2. IN VIEW OF APPARENT WIDESPREAD IMPACT OF DROUGHT IN  
HAITI AND REPORTS WE ARE RECEIVING OF HUNGER IN THE  
COUNTRYSIDE, REQUEST SOONEST EMBASSY'S ESTIMATES OF NUM-  
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BERS OF RURAL AND URBAN POPULATION CURRENTLY SUFFERING  
SUBSTANTIAL DETERIORATION OF THEIR NORMAL DIET AS A  
RESULT OF DROUGHT, TOGETHER WITH ESTIMATE OF NUMBER  
EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED TITLE I AND RECENTLY  
APPROVED INCREASED TITLE II SHIPMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN SUPPLY FOR OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF DROUGHT SITUATION AND FOOD NEEDS:

- A. ARE THERE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PERSONS SUFFERING HUNGER OR SEVERE HARDSHIP WHOSE RELIANCE ON SUBSISTENCE FARMING AND/OR EXTREMELY LOW INCOME LEVEL PRECLUDE THEIR PURCHASING ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS THROUGH THE COMMERCIAL SYSTEM?
- B. WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING MARKET SYSTEM TO PROVIDE PROMPT NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION AT AFFORDABLE PRICES FOR THE COMMODITIES REQUESTED? COULD THE SYSTEM HANDLE MORE THAN REQUESTED?
- C. IF NORMAL RAINS BEGIN IN MAY, WILL THERE BE CONTINUING NEEDS FOR REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR?
- D. WHICH REGIONS OF HAITI ARE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY DROUGHT?

4. WE UNDERSTAND DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED IN 1975 DROUGHT AND SENSITIVITIES OF GOH. NONETHELESS, 1975 EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE FAMINE WAS BASICALLY SUCCESSFUL. IF WIDESPREAD SEVERE HUNGER OR FAMINE IS THREATENING IN HAITI, EXPANDED RELIEF EFFORT THROUGH TITLE II COMMODITIES SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED OWING TO CURRENT LIMITATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

5. CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS TOTAL 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS  
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FOR 20,000 TONS EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN CORN AND RICE.  
ASSUME COUNTERPART FUNDS AND EXCISE TAXES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES WOULD BE HANDLED IN SAME WAY AS FOR EXISTING AGREEMENT. ADVISE IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS EXPECTED.

6. THIS IS A JOINT STATE - AID MESSAGE.  
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